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Henry Cabot Lodge, Ambassador to South Vietnam, is scheduled to win the Oregon presidential-preference primary on May 15 with the help of that State's Republican organization. The only chance of Oregon Governor Mark Hatfield to get second place on the 1964 Republican ticket is to help stop Goldwater and to favor an Easterner to head the ticket.

William Fulbright, Arkansas Senator and chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, is reported to have had a White House hint that he might be in line for the Secretaryship of State if his vote is cast in favor of shutting off Senate debate on the civil-rights issue.

Ambassador Lodge does not plan to return from his Saigon post before the Republican National Convention to seek the nomination. Friends say if Mr. Lodge did so it would imply (1) that his job is finished, or (2) that he disagrees with U.S. policy in South Vietnam. Either position would be awkward.

Some foreign diplomats are describing President Johnson as "heavy-handed" in his dealing with foreign affairs. Said one: "Your President seems to be rather ruthless and unsentimental about foreign relations, with none of the late President Kennedy's grasp or interest in historical perspective or niceties of relations."

Dean Rusk, Secretary of State, has had a number of offers, including the presidency of more than one important university, if he should respond to an urge to return to private life after next November.

A published report that Thomas Mann, in charge of Latin-American affairs for U.S., had opposed early recognition of the military take-over in Brazil and that the State Department looks for a counterrevolution within six weeks is described by top officials as exactly 100 per cent in error.